

REMARKS

1. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-45 have been allowed.

In the notice of allowability, an Examiner's amendment was made to claim number 144, now claim 22 (for convenience, only the new claim numbers will be used), in which the claim format was changed. Upon reviewing the allowed claims, it was noted that claims 24 and 25 also used the prior format. Consequently, in order to be consistent, the Applicants have amended claims 24 and 25. No new matter was added by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 be entered.

Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-2114.

Respectfully submitted,

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